

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Thayer County,) Application No. 911-023.58
Hebron, seeking funding)
approval for recurring and non-) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
recurring costs of Enhanced) REQUEST IN PART
Wireless 911 implementation.)
) Entered: February 5, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated December 8, 2006, Thayer County, Hebron, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Thayer County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$2,800.00** for the purchase of six (6) telephones for use in their Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Of the six (6) telephones, two (2) would be used for 911 positions and the remaining would be used for administrative lines within the PSAP. Each telephone cost **\$357.33**.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Thayer County's request at its November 26, 2007 meeting and recommended that the Commission deny the funding request until the county provides additional justification. Historically, the Commission has not provided funding for administrative telephones, but will consider funding for telephones located at the 911 answering positions.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

This request for additional funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp. 2006), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the Interim Policy established in Progression Order No. 1 in Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, entered February 13, 2007 (Interim Policy).

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that costs requested for two of the six telephones, subject to the limitations set forth below, are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications

equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

This funding request was received subsequent to February 16, 2007. Pursuant to the Interim Policy, the Commission therefore considers this funding request subject to the wireless/landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order.

The Commission finds that funding should be granted for the cost of two (2) telephones subject to the allocation factor of fifty-five percent (55%) attributable to wireless costs and forty-five percent (45%) to wireline costs. Therefore, the Commission finds that funding in the amount of **\$393.06** should be approved.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Thayer County or its vendor the amount of **\$393.06** consistent with the terms of this order. Thayer County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

Should Thayer County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request not approved it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any recurring costs associated with this funding request consistent with amendments to the Interim Policy or the establishment of a permanent funding mechanism.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Thayer County or its designee the amount of **\$393.06** consistent with the terms of this order for the equipment necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that should Thayer County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request not approved by the Commission, it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 5th day of
February, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director